

Columbia County, Georgia

PLAN FOR HANDLING ANIMALS IN DISASTER



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I. Introduction

Animals. To some people they're like children. To others they're an important way to earn a living. To many of us, they're a big part of our lives.

But when it comes to emergencies, animals, whether they're house pets, livestock, or in the wild, have often been overlooked by emergency planners and the general public. But that's changing here in the United States and elsewhere.

Since 1988, there have been numerous emergencies and disasters in Columbia County, including a major flood on October 12, 1990. We received a Presidential Disaster Declaration to receive funds to rebuild following the flood. Historical records show that Columbia County is vulnerable to all types of emergencies, including, but not limited to, winter storms, tropical storm force wind, tropical storms, hurricanes, hurricane coastal evacuations into our area, flooding, severe thunderstorms, downburst wind, and hazardous material releases.

In emergencies and disasters, the first priority is to the protection of life, property, and the environment. Unfortunately, in the past, this has not included a coordinated response for the evacuation, care, and sheltering of animals. Although the protection of human life is the highest priority in emergency response, recent disasters and follow-up research have shown that proper preparation and effective coordination of animal issues enhances the ability of emergency personnel to protect both human and animal health and safety. It is much more efficient, effective, and inexpensive to develop plans to address animal issues prior to an incident than during one. The following issues highlight why animal preparedness is necessary:

A. ***Refusal to Evacuate and Early Return to Unsafe Areas***

Since human evacuation shelters do not allow pets in facilities, pet owners requiring sheltering must choose between deserting their animals, refusing to evacuate, or evacuating their animals to a pre-determined site. Without advanced planning, this can be a difficult decision. Farmers and ranchers who depend upon animals for their livelihood are often unwilling to leave their animals unsupervised in the event of a disaster. Some key facts to consider are:

- Up to 25% of pet owners will fail to evacuate because of their animals; this represents 5-10% of the total population directed to evacuate.
- 30-50% of pet owners will leave pets behind, even with advance notice of evacuation.
- Approximately 50-70% of people leaving animals behind will attempt to reenter a secure site to rescue their animals; this represents 5-15% of the total population directed to evacuate.

The 10-25% of individuals who refuse to evacuate, or attempt to return to the evacuated areas because of their animals, risk injury, exposure to hazardous materials, and their own lives, as well as those of emergency response personnel who must rescue them. The most effective and efficient way to minimize human and animal health and safety risks is for individuals and responding agencies to be properly prepared to address animal issues well in advance of a disaster.

B. *Public Health and Safety Risks Caused by Animals at Large*

Animals that are not cared for by their owners during a disaster may become a public health and safety risk. Loose and displaced animals are possible carriers of disease (such as rabies and plague) and can become a nuisance or danger to people. Animals “at large” are the responsibility of local Animal Care & Control officials.

C. *Public Health and Safety Risks Caused by Animal Carcasses*

Another public health and safety risk is the presence of animal carcasses. Decaying carcasses can contaminate water sources or lead to outbreaks of diseases such as cholera or anthrax. Timely carcass removal is critical. The methods for environmentally acceptable disposal of animal carcasses are limited, and become particularly difficult and expensive when there are many large animal carcasses.

D. *Economic Considerations*

The loss of production animals due to a disaster can result in major economic loss to individual farmers and ranchers as well as local and state economies

E. *Public Relations Considerations*

Society views animals as dependent upon human care and support. Many pets are considered integral parts of families. Animals and animal issues attract media attention. This is particularly true during a disaster. The failure to deal with animal issues in disasters not only results in utilizing more resources and placing additional human lives at risk, but can result in significant public outcry and negative media coverage.

F. *Control of Self-Responders and Misuse of Donations*

Experience has shown that when animals are impacted by disasters, a large number of self-responders will arrive to address the situation. These well-meaning, but untrained and emotionally driven individuals, can be very disruptive and create many law enforcement challenges. Additionally, these situations may encourage the arrival of "rescue groups." Some of these groups are well-trained and helpful, and some are not. Effective control of self-responding individuals and rescue groups is critical. This can occur only when a well-coordinated official response is in place. A county animal plan allows for appropriate identification and utilization of all available resources within the structure of the county animal response plan. This will minimize the intrusion of untrained and unsolicited volunteers in a crisis situation.

II. Purpose

Preparation, planning, and practice are the keys to successful disaster response. The purpose of this Plan is to provide Columbia County agencies, both public and private, who would be involved in disaster planning for animals with a comprehensive outline for addressing animal issues during disasters.

The appendix includes surveys and forms to be used for identifying and organizing county resources.

III. The County's Role

A. *Integrating the Animals In Disaster Plan into the Columbia County Emergency Operations Plan, updated September 2004*

Animal issues, like all other disaster response activities, are addressed in the Columbia County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), Emergency Support Function (ESF) 9, Animals and Animal Industry Services.

This detailed plan outlines Columbia County's plans to effectively prevent and respond to animal issues during emergencies and disasters, as well as organize local resources, facilitate mutual aid activities relating to animal issues, and utilize broader regional and state resources.

B. *The Roles of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Georgia Department of Agriculture*

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) coordinates state resources, in support of local government responding to animal issues, during a state level emergency in accordance with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP). During a disaster, if local resources are insufficient to meet existing needs, local government may request state assistance. When this assistance is requested; the GEMA will activate the GEOP, with the Department of Agriculture as the lead agency.

IV. Definition of "Animal"

For the purposes of responding to animal issues during disasters, Columbia County defines "animals" as, "affected commercial livestock, companion animals, exhibition animals, captive wildlife, and exotic pets." This definition excludes non-captive wildlife.

V. Planning Group & Stakeholders

It is important to have a wide range of groups concerned about animal issues and as many stakeholders as possible included in the planning process to foster cooperation, understanding, and commitment to work within the plan in our community. The following is a list of stakeholders:

A. ***Government Agencies***

- Columbia County Emergency Services / EMA
- Columbia County Agricultural Commissioner
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources / Wildlife
- Columbia County Health Department
- Columbia County Animal Care & Control
- Columbia County Sheriff's Office
- Grovetown Department of Public Safety
- Harlem Department of Public Safety
- Columbia County Roads & Bridges
- Columbia County Maintenance Department

B. ***Voluntary Organizations***

- Columbia County Animal Control Advisory Board
- Columbia County Humane Society
- School groups (4-H, FFA, Animal Science Clubs, etc.)
- Columbia County Cares
- Golden Harvest Food Bank
- Augusta Chapter – American Red Cross
- Martinez-Columbia Fire Rescue
- North Columbia Fire & Rescue

C. ***Industry Groups***

- Cattlemen, Dairy, or Equestrian Associations
- Farriers
- Animal Transporters
- Pet Food and Supply Businesses
- Commercial Animal Industries (breeders, stables, kennels, beef, dairy, and poultry producers, etc.)
- Home Owner Associations for Rural Communities
- Utilities
- Local Fair Organizations – (Martinez Merchant's Association)

VI. Local Issues Relative to Disaster Planning

A. *Types of Disasters Likely in Columbia County*

The following is a list of possible hazards that could occur in Columbia County:

- Wildfire
- Flood
- Severe Thunderstorm / Lightning, Hail, and Wind
- Hazardous Materials / Fixed facility or transportation
- Severe Heat
- Winter Storm
- Tornado
- Drought
- Tropical Storm
- Hurricane
- Coastal Evacuees
- Transportation Accident / Airplane, Bus, or Train
- Earthquake
- Terrorism / Bioterrorism
- Civil Disturbance
- Dam Failure / Harwell, Russell, and and/or Thurmond Dams
- Radiological Accident / Fixed facility or transportation

B. *Animal Population in Columbia County*

1. *Household Pet Estimate*

The total animal population in Columbia County is estimated at 22,818, based on the percent of U. S. households owning pets, which is 58.9%.

2. *Production Animal Estimate*

The Extension Service estimates the number of production animals in Columbia County as follows:

- Cattle 2,700
- Horses 3,000
- Swine 500

C. *Location of Animal Populations*

In Columbia County, the largest pet population exists in the urban areas of Martinez and Evans area. The largest equine population exists in the rural areas of Appling, Harlem, and Grovetown area.

D. **Local Resources**

The resources needed for animal survival during a disaster, are as follows:

KENNELS:

1. **A + Dog Grooming By Louise**
4315 Evans-To-Locks Road
Evans, Georgia 30809
Louise Graham
(706) 855-1388
2. **A Affectionate Pet Parlor**
134-D Davis Road
Martinez, Georgia 30907
Linda M. Block
(706) 650-8910
3. **Allen's Shear Delight**
120 Old Evans Road
Martinez, Georgia 30907
Barbara A. Fogl
(706) 868-5409
4. **Connie's Happy Tails Pet Grooming**
106 Shaw Street
Martinez, Georgia 30907
Connie Bailey
(706) 863-5310
5. **JAE-MAR-S Academy**
3107 Davant Road
Martinez, Georgia 30907
Marlene Stachowiak
(706) 863-3737
6. **Mary's Grooming Station**
3909 ½ Washington Road
Martinez, Georgia 30907
Mary Fitzgerald
(706) 868-9657
7. **Nila's Pet Grooming**
3617 Old Petersburg Road
Martinez, Georgia 30907
Mila P. Shellito
(706) 868-1063

8. **Pet Angels Pet Sitting**
4468 Shadowmoor Drive
Martinez, Georgia 30907
Mary Jane Thurber
(706) 228-5011
(706) 294-7727
9. **Sherri G. Tankersley**
4315 Evans-To-Locks Road
Evans, Georgia 30809
(706) 855-1388
10. **Stella's Pet Grooming**
5794 Harlem-Grovetown Road
Grovetown, Georgia 30813
Stella Amelung
(706) 556-9367
11. **Stephanie Fraser's Pet Grooming**
106 Shaw Street
Martinez, Georgia 30907
Stephanie M. Fraser
(706) 863-5310

FOOD:

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| 1. | Super Petz | 216 Bobby Jones Expressway | 855-9787 |
| 2. | Pet Smart | 225 Robert C. Daniel Parkway | 738-0152 |
| 3. | Brown's Feed Store | 4275 Washington Road | 863-3615 |
| 4. | Kroger | 4355 Washington Road | 868-4510 |
| 5. | Kroger | 4115 Washington Road | 863-9635 |
| 6. | Bilo | 596-B Bobby Jones Expressway | 855-9099 |
| 7. | WalMart | 260 Bobby Jones Expressway | 860-0170 |
| 8. | WalMart | 4471 Washington Road | 854-9892 |
| 9. | Tractor Supply | 596 Bobby Jones Expressway | 854-9088 |
| 10. | Grovetown Feed & Seed | 5234 Wrightsboro Road | 860-2925 |

PET FRIENDLY SHELTERS:

- 1. Columbia County Fairgrounds – Certified by Dept. of Agriculture**
Columbia Road
Grovetown, Georgia 30813
Contact - Linda Fulmer
(706) 541-0477
- 2. Columbia County Animal Care & Control - Secondary**
6337 Columbia Road
Appling, Georgia 30802
Contact - Linda Fulmer
(706) 541-4077
- 3. Columbia County Humane Society - Secondary**
119 Davis Road
Martinez, Georgia 30907
Contact – Donna Evans
(706) 860-5020

LICENSED HORSE STABLES:

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. EDEN FARMS
Julie M. Eden
2763 Allenwood Farm Drive
Appling, Georgia 30802
(706) 541-0708 | Dogs, Cats, Equine
2 Cages, 4 Large Animal Stalls,
1 Corral
Pro bono during disaster |
| 2. ELMVIEW FARM
S. G. VonSchweinitz
2836 Dozier Road
Appling, Georgia 30802
(706) 541-0374 | Equine
1 Cage, 1 Run, 4 Large Animal Stalls,
& 2 Corrals
Reduced rate / To cover feed |
| 3. SANDERLIN'S HORSES
Alicia Lee Sanderlin
5022 White Oak Road
Appling, Georgia 30802
(706) 541-1174 | Equine Only
6 Large Animal Stalls / Corrals
Reduced Rates / Call & ask |
| 4. BLUE ALM ARABIANS
Vicki A. Parker
5114 Fairington Drive
Evans, Georgia 30809 | |

5. **GOOD TIME STABLES**
 Frances L. Jones
 4301 Owens Road
 Evans, Georgia 30809
 (706) 863-3932

6. **HAPPY HOLLOW FARM**
 Barbara & Paul Horner
 5046 Wells Drive
 Evans, Georgia 30809
 (706) 860-0769

7. **KNOB HILL FARM**
 Bill Sams
 5075 Bryant Cove
 Evans, Georgia 30809
 (706) 860-5693

8. **BECKY LYNN STABLES**
 Donald R. Reynolds
 Reynolds Farm Road
 Grovetown, Georgia 30813
 (706) 556-1287

9. **CANTERBURY TRAILS EQUESTRIAL CENTER & RIDING STABLES**
 Peggy F. Lichtenberg
 5581 Wrightsboro Road
 Grovetown, Georgia 30813
 (706) 556-1287

10. **SHEER PLEASURE FARM**
 Ron & Wendy Audette
 5762 Broad Oak Drive
 Grovetown, Georgia 30813
 (706) 556-3827

11. **ON THE BIT FARM**
 Cindy C. Wilkes
 6621 Wrightsboro Road
 Harlem, Georgia 30814
 (706) 556-9568

12. **SOUTHWOOD PASO FINOS**
 Melvin Thomas
 3928 Whitaker Road
 Harlem, Georgia 30814
 (706) 556-3614

Equine Only
3 Large Horse Stalls / 1 Corral
 Call & ask on reduced rates

Dogs, Cats, & Equine
5 Crates, 2-5 Large Animal Stalls, & 4 Corrals
 Reduced Rate for Food Only

13. **FULL CIRCLE FARM, LLC** **Equine Only**
Sally L. Gray **10 Large Animal Stalls**
7 Sprouse Drive Reduced Rate / \$7 per day
Martinez, Georgia 30907
(706) 863-5867
14. **SIMPLY SOUTHERN STABLES**
Al Dempsey
2357 Louisville Road
Appling, Georgia 30802
(706) 541-0976

ANIMAL WATER SOURCES:

Water is available on-site at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Also, the County owns two 500 gallon water buffaloes. This would provide safe and accessible water. In the event these resources are not available, water can be treated with chlorine or other chemicals before use. Bottled water can also be obtained from local businesses.

E. *Liability Issues*

There could be various areas where liability issues may arise. Individuals releasing animals into the care of the emergency shelter must sign a Columbia County Release Form.

1. *Releases*

The release form is in the **Appendix A** attachments of this document.

2. *Volunteer Workers*

Volunteers may assist at the animal shelter to provide the following assistance:

- Set-up
- Daily Cleaning
- Registration
- Pet Visitation Schedules
- Enforcement of Rules
- Manage Feeding Areas

VII. Preparation

A. ***County Animal Coordinator***

The Columbia County Animal Care & Control Manager will serve as the single point of contact on animal issues. This person or her supervisory level representative will staff the EMA Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during a disaster and will coordinate all activities relative to animal issues.

1. *Supplies*

The following is a list of supplies to locate and/or obtain for animal care and sheltering.

a. Non-Medical Animal Care Supplies

i. Small Animals

Pet carriers
Cat litter
Collars
Leashes
Cages
Shovels
Food and water dishes
Chlorine bleach
Disinfectant
Water Hoses
Muzzles (dog and cat)
*(muzzles in all sizes, small to ex-large)
Fishing nets with the long to medium silver aluminum handles (to handle feral or other stressed cats safely)

ii. Large Animals

Halters
Lead ropes
Blankets
Bedding
Wheelbarrows
Rakes
Pitchforks
Buckets
Hoses
Fly spray
Chlorine bleach
Disinfectant
Lime
Water Hoses

iii. **Office Supplies**

Necessary forms
Trail marking tape (can be used to make collar)
Duct tape
Microchip scanner
Camera/film
Pens/pencils
Permanent markers
Binders
Staplers
Hole punch
Paper
Computer/printer
Copy machine
Fax machine
Cell phone
Flashlights

b. **Veterinary Supplies**

Latex Gloves
Medications
Vaccines
IV fluids
Leg wraps
Bandages
Shot Box
2 pairs of large up to the elbow leather gloves
Ambulatory clinics

2. *Transportation*

The following are possible sources of animal transportation resources.

a. **Small Animal**

Animal Care & Control vehicles
Humane Society
Public and/or Private vans, trucks, and trailers

b. **Large Animal**

Private horse trailers
Horse transport companies
Rancher livestock transport
Dairy livestock transport
Feedlot transport
Animal Care & Control vehicles and horse trailers

3. *Volunteer Resources*

The following is a list of groups that could supply volunteers and help gather other needed resources.

- Animal Care & Control
- Emergency Management Agency
- Agricultural Commissioner
- Humane Society
- School groups (4-H, FFA, etc.)
- Cat Fanciers Associations
- Kennel clubs
- Veterinarians
 - Dr. Edward Gross, Care More animal Hospital

4. *Pet Owner Responsibilities*

- Pet owners will be advised ahead of time (through various methods, including, news media, speaking engagements, Websites, etc.) that certain supplies should be brought with pets to shelter by owners. (This includes, but is not limited to, crates, cages, food, water, medicine, collars, tags, leashes, harnesses, muzzles, kitty litter, newspapers, chew toys or other comfort items).
- Pets must be crated and caged, allowing them to stand up, sit down, and turn around.
- Must show proof of vaccinations, however, rabies tags requirements are waived during disasters.

C. *Organization of Response Activities*

The following is an outline of response activities, as identified in the Columbia County EOP.

1. *Management*

Management is responsible for overall emergency policy and coordination through the joint efforts of governmental agencies and private organizations. Management duties include:

a. Liaison

The Animal Care & Control Manager will serve as liaison and will communicate with staff from other agencies in the EOC.

b. Public Information Officer

The EMA office has responsibility for developing and releasing information about emergency operations to the news media, personnel involved in the response operations, and other appropriate agencies and organizations.

2. *Planning and Intelligence*

Planning and Intelligence is responsible for collecting, evaluating, and disseminating information during response and recovery activities. Planning and Intelligence duties include:

a. Situation and Status Analysis

Situation and Status Analysis may be assigned to provide information on situation status of animal rescue, care, and sheltering operations.

b. Documentation

Documentation compiles records and data pertaining to the response effort.

c. Mobilization/Demobilization

Mobilization/Demobilization works with Operations and Logistics to help plan the mobilization of personnel, equipment/supplies, and facilities. It also prepares the demobilization plan and monitors its execution.

3. *Operations*

Operations coordinates all operations in support of the emergency through the implementation of the EOP. The animal issues may be assigned to deal with:

a. Care and Sheltering

Care and Sheltering assists in the coordination of animal care and sheltering with human care and sheltering operations.

b. Disease Control

Disease control activities may include:

- Disposal of dead animals
- Separation of sick and healthy animals
- Rabies control
- Capture or euthanasia of animals “at large”

c. Animal Identification System

1. **Each animal brought into the shelter will be checked in and documented.** A card will be kept on each animal and a description of the animal, including any distinct markings or identifying scars, colors or injuries. If there is no known owner, the record should include information on where the animal was found, by whom and on what date. Each animal will be assigned a number that will be recorded on the card.

2. **A Polaroid photo will be taken of each animal** and the assigned number will be placed on the photo. The photo will be placed on the card and the card will be placed in a book. Owners can then look at the book to find their pets instead of walking through the shelter. This will limit the amount of human traffic through the shelter and reduce the stress on the animals.

3. **If the owner requests short term sheltering,** the photo should include both the pet and the owner. **Information will be documented including the owner’s address, phone number and where the owner is currently staying.** Also, contact information will be needed on other family members or friends who could help locate the owner if necessary.

4. **Photographs will also be taken with a digital camera** and the picture, description, and **basic information can be put on the Internet.** Pet owners can then search for their pet by computer. **All dead animals will be photographed** and information detailing location and possible **cause of death will be documented.**

5. **A Pet Scanner will be used** for identification through animals with micro-chips implanted.

4. *Logistics*

Logistics is responsible for providing facilities, services, personnel, equipment, and materials. The following is a list of logistical activities needed for responding to animal issues:

a. Communications

Communications staff will maintain communications with all sites and personnel responding to animal issues during a disaster. Helps facilitate cooperation between responders.

b. Transportation

Transportation coordinates the movement of transportation resources to where they are needed.

c. Facilities Coordination

Facilities Coordination develops plans for mobilization centers, staging areas, shelters, and regional evacuation points. It oversees the distribution and installation of supplies to these areas.

d. Resource Tracking

Resource Tracking is responsible for tracking the status of resources at the various response sites.

5. *Finance*

Finance is responsible for tracking financial activities. The following is a list of activities that need to be tracked for costs incurred in case of future reimbursement.

a. Employee Time Reporting

b. Procurement of Supplies

c. Workers' Compensation and Claims

d. Cost Accounting for Response Activities

e. Damage Survey Report (DSR) Record Keeping

A. *Exercises*

This plan will be tested periodically through both Tabletop and Functional Exercises.

B. *Volunteer Training*

Training programs through national, state, and local groups will be sought to assure that the volunteers dealing with animals, particularly in stressful or chaotic situations such as disasters, possess the necessary special skills to perform this function.

VIII. Response

Response is putting all this planning to work. To ensure a smooth response, some things to consider are:

- Develop SOPs that specifically outline the response duties of personnel and organizations.
- Make a binder of forms needed at each shelter facility and EOC.
- Develop a notification system to be activated in the event of a disaster.
- Flexibility is key to an effective response; be prepared to activate alternate plans if needed.
- Update your resource lists, plan, and SOPs often.

IX. Recovery

During the recovery stage of a disaster, the following activities must be coordinated:

A. *Shelter Closures and Redistribution of Supplies*

It is important that guidelines be developed to decide when closure is appropriate and how it will be done. This is often coordinated with the closure of human shelters. Animal shelters can usually be closed 48 hours following the closure of human shelters. Owners who need to make special arrangements can do so on a case-by-case basis.

B. *Removal and Disposal of Animal Carcasses*

The Columbia County Animal Care & Control Department will be responsible for oversight of removal and disposal to assure that there are no negative environmental impacts. The incinerator at their facility will be used as much as possible and all other needed resources will be coordinated by the Manager of the Animal Care & Control Department to assure that there are no negative environmental impacts.

C. *Unclaimed Animal Adoption or Euthanasia Procedures*

Unclaimed animals will receive an extended holding time of ten (10) days following the demobilization of the animal shelter. At the end of ten days, if the animal remains unclaimed, procedures for adoption will be initiated by Columbia County Animal Care & Control. Euthanasia will only be used as a last resort.

D. Collection of Data

In the recovery stage, data should be collected on the response activities. This data should include financial information about the response effort as well as damage assessment information.

X. Mitigation

Mitigation activities will include an assessment of the response activities and assurance that all needed supplies needed are available.

XI. Other Planning Resources

The following is a list of disaster planning and information resources available from other government agencies and non-profit organizations.

A. Government Agencies

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslst.asp>
Provides information and course materials for the independent study *Animals in Disasters Training Courses*. There are three courses related to animals in disasters, as follows:

- 1) IS-10 – Animals in Disasters -- Awareness and Preparedness
- 2) IS-11 – Animals in Disaster -- Community Planning
- 3) IS-111 – Livestock in Disasters

Course materials can be downloaded and a final exam may be completed online free of charge. A certificate will be mailed for successful completion of each course.

National Weather Service (NWS)

- www.nws.noaa.gov
Provides weather information and warnings for the United States.

Office of Homeland Security / Georgia Emergency Management Agency

- <http://www2.state.ga.us/GEMA/>
Provides information about GEMA activities, state disaster planning, and training. Includes links to related agencies.

Georgia Department of Agriculture

- <http://agr.georgia.gov/02/doa/home/0,2473,38902732,00.html;jsessionid=9369A15DEBEC03548A8B28202C8...>
Provides information about State programs, the Animal Health and Food Safety Services, disaster preparedness materials for animal owners, and a directory of the County Agricultural Commissioners.

Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Game & Fish Division

- <http://www.gadnr.org/>
Provides information on Wildlife programs. Includes information about oil spill response activities.

B. Non-profit Organizations

American Humane Association

- http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pa_disaster_relief
Provides information on disaster relief and preparedness.

Humane Association of Georgia

- www.humassocga.org
Provides information on disaster relief and preparedness & Coordinates Regional Volunteers for Animal Shelter Programs

American Red Cross

- <http://www.redcross.org/>
Provides general information about disaster relief efforts worldwide.
- http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_604_00.html
Provides information on disaster preparedness for pets.

American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

- www.avma.org
Provides information about veterinary activities throughout the United States. Includes links to state Veterinary Medical Associations.
- www.avma.org/avmf/Drmain.htm
Provides information about the American Veterinary Medical Foundation's (AVMF) disaster relief activities. Includes an order form for the AVMA Disaster Planning Guide.

Cat Fanciers Association

- www.cfainc.org/disasters.html
Provides information on the disaster relief efforts of the Cat Fanciers Association and disaster preparedness.

Disaster Relief

- www.disasterrelief.org
Provides information on disasters worldwide. Includes disaster preparedness information for pets.

Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)

- www.hsus.org
Includes a section on animal disaster relief.

The Horse Review

www.horsereview.com

Provides links to disaster preparedness sites and information for horse and pet owners.

International Fund for Animals

▪ www.ifaw.org

Includes information on their Emergency Relief Team.

XII. Effective Date:

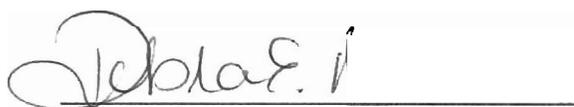
This plan is effective immediately and will be activated upon the direction of the heads of local government.

ATTEST: This 07th day of March, 2006.


Clerk of Commission

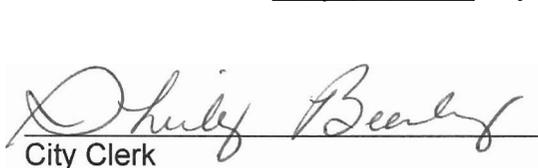

Chairman, Columbia County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: This 13th day of March, 2006.


City Clerk


Mayor, City of Harlem

ATTEST: This 13 day of March, 2006.


City Clerk


Mayor, City of Grovetown

Appendix A:

Animal Confinement and Shelter Facility Forms

Animal Care and Holding/Boarding Survey

1. Facility Name _____

Address _____
Number and Street City Zip

Facility Phone () _____ - _____ Fax () _____ - _____

2. Owner's Name _____

Owners' Home Phone () _____ - _____ Cell Phone () _____ - _____

Owner's Pager () _____ - _____

3. What animal species will you accept?

Dog Cat Equine Livestock Avian Other _____

4. Do you have a microchip scanner available? No Yes Type: _____

5. How many cages, runs or stalls do you have available? Are any seasonal?

_____ Cages _____ Runs _____ Large Animal Stalls _____ Corrals

6. Would you be willing to provide services during a disaster?

Pro bono Reduced Rate _____ Standard rate _____

7. What are the minimum entry requirements for animals to your facility?

None Rabies Other vaccinations _____

Parasite control Other _____

Would you waive them during a disaster? Yes No

8. Does your facility have isolation facilities? Yes No

9. Is your staff available outside normal hours of operation? Yes No

10. Do you have a consulting veterinarian or vet clinic you work with? Yes No

Name _____ Phone () _____ - _____

11. Give brief directions to your facility from the closest major road or highway.

Small Animal Intake Form - Owned Animals with Owner

Date arrived _____ **Animal ID #** _____

Date discharged _____ **Assigned Location** _____

Owner Information

Name _____ Phone # () _____ - _____

Address _____

Emergency Contact _____

Animal Identification

Species _____ Other ID _____

Breed _____ Size: Toy Small Medium Large Giant

Coat Color _____ Coat Length: Short Medium Long

Age _____ Sex: M M(neutered) F F(spayed)

Medical

Rabies Vaccine? Yes No Tag # _____ County issued _____

Other Vaccines:

Canine: Distemper Hepatitis Leptospirosis Parinfluenza Parvovirus Coronavirus

Feline: Rhinothacheitis Calcivirus Panleukopenia Chlamydia Felv FIP

Any medical problems? No Yes _____

Taking medications? No Yes _____ Owner provided? No Yes

Instructions _____

Special diet? No Yes _____ Owner provided? No

Yes

Instructions _____

Habits and Traits (circle all that apply)

fence jumper digger scratcher submissive housebroken highly excitable biter
shy leash broken barker/vocal declawed obedience trained other _____

Aggressive toward men women children other animals _____

Accepted by (staff) _____ **Date** _____

Owner Signature _____ **Date** _____

Released by _____ **Date** _____

Owner Signature _____ **Date** _____

Small Animal Intake Form - Rescued/Found/Stray

Date rescued/found _____ Location found _____

Date arrived _____ Assigned Location _____

Date discharged _____ Animal ID # _____

Accepted by (staff) _____

Rescuer Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # () _____ - _____

Animal Identification

Species _____ Rabies Tag? No Yes # _____

Breed _____ Size: Toy Small Medium Large Giant

Coat Color _____ Coat Length: Short Medium Long

Other ID _____ Sex: Male M (neutered) Female F (spayed)

Reclaimed

Owner _____

Phone () _____ - _____

Address _____

Proof of Ownership _____

Released by _____ Date _____

Owner Signature _____ Date _____

Adopted

Adoptive owner _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ - _____

Released by _____ Date _____

New owner signature _____ Date _____

Transferred to _____

Large Animal Intake Form

Date Arrived _____ Rescued Owner Brought

Intake number _____ Assigned Shelter Location _____

If rescued, Date rescued _____ Location _____

Date Discharged _____

Species: Cattle Sheep Swine Horse Goats Other _____

Owner's/Rescuer's name _____

Address _____
Number and street City Zip

Phone () _____ Cellular () _____

Fax () _____ Pager () _____

Individual Animal Identification

Identification (E.g., Brand/tattoo)	Description, registration name or number	Age	Sex	Breed
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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Accepted by (staff) _____ Date _____

Owner's signature _____ Date _____

Released by _____ Date _____

Owner's signature _____ Date _____

COLUMBIA COUNTY RELEASE FORM

The undersigned owner(s) (agent) of the animal(s) described as follows:

Name of Animal _____ Breed _____
Description _____

hereby request the emergency quartering of these animals being evacuated because of a pending or occurring disaster. The animal owners (agents) hereby release the receiving property owners and any caregivers from any and all liability regarding the care and quartering of these animals during and following this emergency. The animal owners (agents) acknowledge that if emergency conditions pose a threat to the safety of these animals, additional relocation may be necessary and that this release is intended to extend to such relocation.

The animal owners (agents) acknowledge that the risk of injury or death to these animals during an emergency can not be eliminated and agree to be responsible for any veterinary expenses which may be incurred in the treatment of their animals. It is also requested that the animal owners (agents) contribute to the feeding and daily care of their animals, if possible.

The cost (if any) of returning these animals after the emergency will be at the owners (agents) expense. If an animal is not claimed within thirty (30) days, unless prior arrangements have been made, the animal owner will be notified of possible adoption or relocation.

Printed Name of Animal Owner (Agent) _____

Signed Name of Animal Owner (Agent) _____

Home Phone _____

Place of Employment _____ Work Phone _____

Address to which Owner (Agent) _____
plans to evacuate during _____
the emergency _____

Phone _____

It is the responsibility of the animal owner (agent) to keep the receiving property owners aware of where the animal owner (agent) can be contacted following the emergency.

Address of Receiving Property _____

Appendix B:

Animal Food Resources

Columbia County Animal Food Resource Checklist

Small Animals

- Food Banks
- Pet Stores
- Grocery Stores
- Kennels
- Breeders
- Feed Stores
- Humane Societies/SPCAs
- Animal Care & Control Shelters
- Veterinary Clinics

Large Animals and Horses

- Feed Suppliers
- Feed Stores
- Hay Producers/Transporters
- Animal Producers
- Boarding Facilities
- Breeding Facilities
- Horsemen's/Cattlemen's Organizations

County Animal Food Survey

1. **Company/Organization Name** _____
Address _____
Number and Street City Zip
Facility Phone () _____ - _____ Fax () _____ - _____
Representative's Name _____
Representative's Pager () _____ - _____ Cell phone () _____ - _____

2. **What species do you have food for?**

- Dog (Type of food) _____
- Cat _____
- Bird _____
- Reptiles _____
- Cattle _____
- Horse _____
- Sheep/Goat _____
- Other _____

3. **Would you be willing to provide animal food during a disaster?**

- Free Reduced Rate _____ Standard Rate _____

4. **Give brief directions to your location from the closest major road or highway.**

County Animal Food Resource List

Organization/Company Name _____

Address _____
Number and Street City Zip

Area or cross streets _____

Contact's name _____

Phone Number () _____ Fax () _____

Rep's Cell Phone () _____ Pager () _____

Supplies Available _____

Type of Food _____ Species _____

Delivers? Yes No

Free Reduced rate _____ Standard Rate _____

Organization/Company Name _____

Address _____
Number and Street City Zip

Area or cross streets _____

Contact's name _____

Phone Number () _____ Fax () _____

Rep's Cell Phone () _____ Pager () _____

Supplies Available _____

Type of Food _____ Species _____

Delivers? Yes No

Free Reduced rate _____ Standard Rate _____

Appendix C:

Supplies

County Animal Supplies Survey

1. **Company/Organization Name** _____

Address _____
Number and Street City Zip

Facility Phone () _____ - _____ Fax () _____ - _____

Representative's Name _____

Representative's Pager () _____ - _____ Cell phone () _____ - _____

2. **What supplies do you have?**

Veterinary Supplies

Drugs Vaccines IV fluids Leg wraps Bandages

Non-medical Animal Supplies

Small Animal

Pet carriers Cat litter Collars Leashes Cages Shovels Bleach
 Disinfectant Food and water dishes

Large Animal

Halters Lead ropes Blankets Bedding Wheelbarrows Rakes
 Pitchforks Buckets Hoses Fly spray Bleach Disinfectant Lime

Office Supplies

Trail marking tape Duct tape Microchip scanner Camera/film Paper
 Pens/pencils Permanent markers Binders Staplers Hole punch
 Computer/printer Copy machine Flashlights Cellular phones

3. **Would you be willing to provide these supplies during a disaster?**

Free Loan Reduced Rate _____ Standard Rate _____

4. **Give brief directions to your location from the closest major road or highway.**

Appendix D:

Transportation Resources

County Animal Transportation Checklist

Small Animal

- Animal Care & Control vehicles
- Mobile veterinary clinics
- Mobile dog kennels (talk to hunting clubs, kennel clubs)
- Cat Fanciers
- Humane Society
- Private vans, trucks, and trailers

Horses

- Horsemen's association/riding clubs
- Private horse trailers
- Horse transport companies

Large Animal

- Livestock Transport Companies
- Ranchers
- Dairies
- Feedlots
- Animal Care & Control vehicles and horse trailers

County Animal Transportation Survey

1. **Company/Organization Name** _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ - _____ Fax () _____ - _____

2. **Representative's Name** _____

Representative's Phone () _____ - _____ Pager () _____ - _____

3. **What species can you transport and how many?**

Dog _____ Cattle _____ Exotics _____

Cat _____ Sheep _____ Poultry _____

Horse _____ Swine _____ Goat _____

4. **Would you be willing to provide transportation services during a disaster?**

Pro Bono Reduced rate _____ Standard rate _____

5. **General information**

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

Vehicle License Plate Number _____ Description _____

Trailer License Plate Number _____ Description _____

If more than one vehicle:

Vehicle License Plate Number _____ Description _____

Trailer License Plate Number _____ Description _____

Vehicle License Plate Number _____ Description _____

Trailer License Plate Number _____ Description _____

Vehicle License Plate Number _____ Description _____

Trailer License Plate Number _____ Description _____

County Transportation Resource List

Company/Group Name _____

Address _____
Number and Street City Zip

Area or cross streets _____

Owner's name _____

Phone Number () _____ Fax () _____

Owner's Cell Phone () _____ Pager () _____

Description of Transportation Resource _____

Species _____ Number of animals _____

Driver(s) _____

Free Reduced rate _____ Standard Rate _____

Company/Group Name _____

Address _____
Number and Street City Zip

Area or cross streets _____

Owner's name _____

Phone Number () _____ Fax () _____

Owner's Cell Phone () _____ Pager () _____

Description of Transportation Resource _____

Species _____ Number of animals _____

Driver(s) _____

Free Reduced rate _____ Standard Rate _____

Appendix E:

Volunteer Resources

Survey of Groups with Registered Disaster Service Workers

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ - _____ Fax () _____ - _____

Contact Name _____

Contact's Phone () _____ - _____ Pager () _____ - _____

Number of Volunteers

1. Trained as a disaster service worker

_____ Veterinarian/Animal Health Technician

_____ Non-medical

2. Not trained as a disaster service worker

_____ Veterinarian/Animal Health Technician

_____ Non-medical

3. Experienced with:

_____ Small Animal

_____ Large Animal (livestock)

_____ Horses

_____ Exotics

Volunteers

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

Organization (cont.) _____

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

Name _____ **Phone** () _____ - _____

Veterinarian/AHT Non-medical Trained as a disaster service worker

Experience: Small animal Large Animal Horse Exotic

County Veterinary Emergency Response Personnel Application¹

Name _____
Last First MI

Home Address _____
Number and Street City Zip

Home Phone () _____ Fax () _____

Pager () _____ Cell () _____

Work Address _____
Number and Street City Zip

Work Phone () _____ Fax () _____

May we call you at work? Yes No

Are you licensed and accredited in Georgia? Yes No

What is your primary area of expertise?

- Companion animals (dogs cats pocket pets house exotics)
- Large animals (cattle swine horses cervidae camelids ratites)
- Poultry (chickens turkeys ducks geese)
- Farm Exotics (ratites camelids)
- Other: _____

Do you have a mobile clinic or equipment? Yes No

Are you prepared to use it during a disaster response? Yes No

Medical Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

Driver's License Number _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____

Vehicle License Plate Number _____ Description _____

Trailer License Plate Number _____ Description _____

Do you have Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) training? Yes No

Disaster Training or Experience _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Approved by _____ Date _____

County Animal Care Volunteer Emergency Response Personnel Application

Name _____
Last First MI

Home Address _____
Number and Street City Zip

Area or cross streets _____

Home Phone () _____ Fax () _____

Pager () _____ Cellular () _____

Employer _____

Work Address _____
Number and Street City Zip

Work Phone () _____ Fax () _____

May we

call you at work? Yes No

Medical Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

Physician _____ Phone () _____

Any Medical Conditions? No Yes: _____

Driver's License Number _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____

Vehicle License Plate Number _____ Description _____

Trailer License Plate Number _____ Description _____

Do you have Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) training? Yes

No

Additional Disaster Training or Experience (i.e., DART)

Signature _____ Date _____

Approved By _____ Date _____

Distribution List

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Tom Mercer	
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Lee Anderson	
County Administrator	1
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Pam Tucker	
Billy Clayton	
Jeff Browning	
Miguel Valentin	
Scott Herring	
Barry Smith	
Todd Glover	
Richard Harmon	
City of Grovetown	1
Mayor Dennis Trudeau	
City of Harlem	1
Mayor Scott Dean	
Emergency Management Agency	3
Staff	
Animal Care & Control Department	5
Linda Fulmer	
Animal Care & Control Advisory Board	5
Erica Dean	
Todd Brantley	
Rita Tannehill	
Donna Evans	
Nancy Bobbitt	
Columbia County Humane Society	6
Donna Evans	
Members & Key Volunteers	
Columbia County Veterinarians	10
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Dr. Mark Brucker	
Dr. Craig Osborn	
Dr. H. G. Blalock	
Dr. Diane Gaffigan	
Dr. Edward Gross	
Dr. Bruce Arensman	
Dr. Michael Hayden	
Dr. Dirk Motzkus	
Dr. Grayson Brown	
Humane Association of Georgia	1
HAGA Statewide Coordinator	
Department of Agriculture	2
Dr. Maria Luke	
Bob Sherrer	
Georgia Emergency Management Agency	2
Chuck Ray, Area 3 Coordinator	
GEMA Planning Officer	

TOTAL **51**